

News Sheet
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity – 22nd October 2023

LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

Please click on the link from ten minutes beforehand and there will be the livestream link to take you to the service

Thank you to everyone involved in making this Sunday's worship and happen - and to whoever is offering refreshments and hospitality today..

TODAY'S SERVICE – 22nd October

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion – **STEP BY STEP WILL BE VISITING** - with refreshments in the hall afterwards

Celebrant: Rev Jacqueline – Talk: Vanda, Step by Step – Music: David

Readings & Hymns: There are **Pew Bibles** available to browse/follow the readings at the back of church

Lectionary: Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9,(10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

Hymns: 401 Longing for light – 458 Name of all majesty – 451 My God and is thy table spread – Cm 368 Just as I am (Tune 2) – 743 Ye holy angels bright

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE – 29th October

8am - Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion - with refreshments in the hall afterwards

TODAY'S MAIN NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS – to Vanda for sleeping out to raise funds for Step by Step – an amazing amount of over £1,000 was raised – so a huge well done to all who have donated – Vanda will tell us more today...

REVs LESLEY AND ALAN CRAWLEY, HALE CHURCHES – have announced that they will be leaving the Parish of Hale to retire to Southwold in February 2024. We offer our prayers and blessings with Hale church family and with Revs Lesley and Alan as they prepare for this time of change and transition...

ST PETER'S SCHOOL FIREWORK DISPLAY – 6-8.30pm – THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - A WONDERFUL GATHERING WITH BBQ / DRINKS / HOT CHOC / and wonderful firework display – please see email re tickets

CHURCH / CHURCH GROUNDS AUTUMN TIDY UP – This will take place between **9am-12pm SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER** – in time for Remembrance. Please do come along to tend to whatever appeals to you – many hands make light work – coffee and cake will be served!

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 3pm - **Service for the Commemoration of the Dear Departed** – a quiet service of thankful remembrance for our loved ones departed. Your loved one's name can be read out and you are invited to light a candle and/or bring a flower to lay on the altar if you wish as a symbol of remembrance ... **There will be a list on the notice board to add a name** – or please contact Chris Wilkes – parishadmin@cofewrecclesham.org.uk – telephone/text 07902 768597

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - WE ARE ASKING FOR KIND DONATIONS OF LUXURY FESTIVE FANCIES – that Chris can turn into a lovely festive hamper to raffle during our Christmas functions...

What would you like to receive in a luxury festive hamper?! ☺ **Please bring your items to church during these coming weeks – or to the vicarage garage**

This year – we are delighted to be hosting the **WRECCLESHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023** – 10-4pm Saturday 2nd and 2-4pm Sunday 3rd December – I am sure it will be as lovely as ever and with a few extras festivities to enjoy!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ENTER A CHRISTMAS TREE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO – PLEASE LET JACQUELINE/ROB KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PLACE – & **GET THOSE IDEAS STARTED FOR A WEEKEND OF DAZZLING DISPLAY OF TREES AND FESTIVE FUN** – ending with Carols by Candlelight 4pm on Sunday 3rd December

LIONS FUEL APPEAL - Farnham Lions, for the 12th year running, are again launching the Wenceslas Appeal for anyone who might be in a position to donate their Winter Fuel Payment to help local people and families who will find it hard to keep warm and cook in these coming months – an amazing £57,000 was distributed to people in need who were referred via the Citizens Advice and Farnham Support Fund, Farnham Foodbank and other charities... Donations can be made to <https://www.lionsgiving.co.uk/Appeal/farnhamwenceslas> or by cheque (payable to Farnham Lions Club CIO and endorsed WFP on the back) sent to Farnham Lions Club, 45 Edward Road, Farnham GU9 8NP

HEADLINES / CHURCH NOTICES

BREAD BAGS WANTED, PLEASE!

Please could you bring in your bread bags please – we will use them to pack the Wreath-making moss! ☺

AUTUMN AFTERNOON GATHERINGS at the Vicarage Wed 2-3.30pm - 4/10, 11/10, 18/10, 25/10, 1/11 - Hymns We Love (especially written for us seniors, but open to all, of course ☺)

Five sessions taking us to the heart of the Christian faith as we explore some of the nation's best-loved hymns. Over a cuppa and cake (of course!) we will watch a DVD that tells the story of the hymn writer, how the hymn came to be, and the Christian message behind it – and then we can have a chat about them and share our thoughts and memories associated with the hymn – and anything on our hearts...

DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE! There will be a **couple of boxes** in the vestry to collect donations for

- **RAFFLE PRIZES** (any items) -
- **CHRISTMAS STUFF** (used/new - for a Christmas stall at the Christmas Tree Festival in December)

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE – techy team rota - we would like to extend the team - it is not as challenging as it sounds! Please do speak to Rob/Jacqueline or any of our wonderful Techy Team if you would like to know more – you will be on the rota roughly once every 4/5 weeks – and you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

THIS WEEK'S THANK YOUs... To all of us for being there for each other and doing what we can for the love of the Lord and our St Peter's Church! ☺

PRAYERS FOR:

Gerald Martin, Andrew Steward, Zoe Perkins, Sylvia Ryder – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

RIP the Venerable Paul Bryer – some of you might remember Paul, Archdeacon of Dorking before moving to Cornwall – and who interviewed me for the post of Vicar here in Wrecclesham. A lovely man of God... Bishop Andrew writes;

I received the news on Saturday of the death of Paul Bryer, former Archdeacon of Dorking. Paul was warm, hospitable, friendly, positive, calm, prayerful, missional, caring; a loving husband and father, and a great colleague too, who played a significant part in the life of our diocese, and whose friendship many of us came to value greatly.

And now he has gone to glory, and our hearts reach out to Fiona his wife, and to children Daniel, Jonathan and Naomi. Whatever the challenges that lie ahead, may they know the hope of the Risen Christ, and that 'underneath are the everlasting arms'. Details about Paul's funeral will be communicated as soon as they are known.

Years Mind: We remember all those dear to us whose years' mind falls around this time....: *(please let Jacqueline know if you would like someone remembered by name ...)*

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's loving and transforming grace here in our place...

Please contact Jacqueline on vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk or 716431 / 07806 775974 if you have a notice to share – or if you would like to talk about something else – her day off is a Monday....

Farnham Foodbank

THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE CHURCH BY THE DOOR

Please only donate long-life goods – fresh and perishable goods cannot be accepted – thank you for all that you contribute

For October: Tinned potatoes – UHT juice – UHT sponges - Chocolate treats – toil- et rolls thank you for your generosity.....

- **Please** continue to put donations in the basket and Lizzy Hendry will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank – thank you everyone...

Contact: mail: info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk or call 07901 58153 visit our website farnham.foodbank.org.uk or follow on Facebook [facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

GENERAL NOTICES

- **Farnham Assist** — Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – there are fliers at the back of church. **Please do take one if you or anyone you know might benefit from becoming part of the Farnham Assist community** – monthly Sunday lunches – pie & pint club for gentlemen – knit & natter – Ladies pub lunches – day trips & walks – and transport to help – it's all there...
- **GRANTS - Waverley Borough Council**
 - For Waverley residents on a lower income and living in a hard to heat home that is not heated by gas – check for eligibility for new government funding to make your home more energy efficient and reduce household bills. HELPLINE 01483 523204 – OR LOOK ONLINE AT:
<https://www.waverley.gov.uk/Council-updates/Read-our-latest-news/ArtMID/1683/ArticleID/1321/Waverley-residents-urged-to-apply-for-free-grants-to-heat-homes>

Bible readings – for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: Isaiah 45.1-7 – Pew Bible p.728

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 – Pew Bible p.1189

¹From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, ³constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22 (Pew Bible 996)

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.